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TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE
AND RELATED HOMOLOGS

Response to Office Action

Under 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated September 7, 2006, for which a response is due December 7, 2006. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed. Further consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.